

AMERICAN CONGRESSMEN  
WERE IN SERIOUS DANGER  
FROM MACHINE GUN FIRE

Germans Poured a Perfect Shower of Bullets into the Trench on Dixmude Front Where Americans Were Inspecting the Allied Line

LATER BIG SHELL FELL ONLY 10 YARDS AWAY

Congressmen Dill, Miller, Johnson and Timberlake and Former Representative Stout of Montana Were Lucky to Escape Without Injury

British front in Belgium, Friday, Nov. 16.—(By Associated Press).—Five members of the party of American congressmen and private citizens, who spent yesterday and part of today visiting the Belgian war zone, had a narrow escape from death or injury this morning when they were caught by a sudden burst of German machine gun fire while inspecting the front line trenches near Dixmude. Those in danger were Congressman Dill, Miller and Johnson of Washington and Timberlake of Colorado and former Representative Stout of Montana. Nobody was hit but it was one of those peculiar freaks of fortune which the soldiers call luck, because the shots came in a shower so close it seemed almost certain someone would be wounded. The other seven members of the party were in another section of the trench at the time and were not disturbed by the fire. Later, when all the Americans were together, the Germans dropped a big shell some ten yards away, seriously endangering everyone.

SHRAPNEL HIT  
U. S. SOLDIERS

And a German Shell Hit an American Gun on Friday—Casualties Resulted in Both Instances.

With the American army in France, Friday, Nov. 16.—(By Associated Press).—Artillery fighting in the sector held by the American troops has become even more lively and there have been casualties, shrapnel wounding some of the men in the trenches. An enemy shell hit an American gun to-day and caused casualties. Some of the men wounded in the last two days have died.

BRITISH LAND FORCES  
MAKE FURTHER GAIN

Occupied More Territory on Main Ridge in Vicinity of Passchendaele.

London, Nov. 17.—Further progress was made yesterday by British troops on the main ridge in the vicinity of Passchendaele on the Belgian front, the British war office announced to-day.

TO RESUME WORK.  
On All Except Squantum Shipbuilding Plant.

Boston, Nov. 17.—Strikes which have impeded construction on important government war plants in this vicinity for the past few weeks were called off by the building trades council last night on all plants affected except the \$9,000,000 shipbuilding plant at Squantum.

Labor leaders announced that the action was taken on receipt of definite assurances that representatives of the navy and war departments would confer with them here on alleged non-union conditions at Squantum.

The so-called open shop conditions at Squantum precipitated a series of strikes which spread to the Watertown arsenal, the Boston navy yard, the naval hospital at Chelsea, the federal appraisers' stores in this city and the magazine station at Hingham. On these jobs 1,500 mechanics will resume work to-day, but the men will not be ordered back at Squantum, it was stated, until the matter had been gone over at a conference between agents of the joint council of the building trades unions and Admiral Hays of the bureau of yards and docks at the navy department, and Stanley King, third assistant secretary of the war department.

The decision to resume work, it was stated at union headquarters, was reached in a "spirit of patriotism" after an almost continuous series of seven hours' appeals and conferences, started long before the strikes were contemplated, to-day's assurances from Washington that Admiral Hays of the navy and Assistant Secretary of War King would be in Boston to confer with us in the first official recognition given us by the government or our international organizations in regard to our grievances and we seized upon it out of pure patriotism and are sending the men back to work before the government's representatives are even here or contemplated conferences started.

Y. M. C. A. TOTAL \$26,380,658.  
With Two More Week Days Remaining for the Drive.

New York, Nov. 17.—With two more week days remaining in the \$35,000,000 war fund drive of the Young Men's Christian association, it was announced from the headquarters of the national war work council that the grand total of subscriptions raised throughout the United States totaled last night \$26,380,658.

George W. Perkins, chairman of the finance committee, sent broadcast yesterday to the army of 30,000 workers in the campaign an appeal for extra efforts. The result was a general increase throughout the United States and in particular a close race between the eastern department, with headquarters here, and the central department, with headquarters at Chicago, for the honor of leading the eastern department passed its rival and now stands first, with a total of \$11,206,889, against \$9,974,436 for the central department. The other departments reported as follows: Northern, Boston, \$2,013,885; western, San Francisco, \$948,400; southwestern, Dallas, \$806,000; and southeastern, Atlanta, \$520,048.

One hundred thousand boys of the boys' department of the Y. M. C. A. throughout the United States are earning \$10, or \$10,000,000 in all, which they will present to the fund.

A message was received to-day from the members of the war work council, who were sent to France to report on the needs of the American soldiers under General Pershing. They cabled: "This winter is bound to be a critical time for the thousands of splendid young Americans. For their sake and in their name we shall call for volunteers and money to provide them with the help and comforts they so richly deserve."

BOMB STARTED PANIC.  
And Unexplained Fire Added to the Excitement.

Chicago, Nov. 17.—A bomb made of gas pipe and powder was picked up last night on the main floor of the Auditorium theatre, where the opera Dinorah was being sung, after an incipient panic which followed an unexplained burst of flames had been still by Director Campanini swinging the orchestra into the "Star Spangled Banner." The bomb was found by firemen seeking the cause of the first flame. It consisted of a foot of gas pipe, filled with powder and with a fuse attached. The firemen finally concluded that the flames which caused the first fright had been connected in some way with the bomb, which also emitted noxious odors. It was found near the close of the first act, while Galli Curci was singing a Breton folk song. Nearly one-third of the patrons left their seats.

STATUE OF GEN. GOMEZ  
To Be Built in Havana in Memory of the Great Liberator.

Havana, Nov. 17.—Sculptors throughout the world are now submitting designs for the bronze equestrian statue to be built here in memory of Major General Maximilian Gomez, the Cuban liberator. Requests for particulars of the competition, which carries with it prizes totaling \$17,000, have been received from the foremost artists of the United States and Europe. The design will cost in the neighborhood of \$200,000.

Many relics, autograph letters, personal heirlooms and other incunabula of General Gomez have been assembled for the guidance of the sculptors.

The death-mask of Maximilian Gomez, his machete-shaped sword which he bore in action in the campaigns of 1898 and the successful war of liberation 30 years later, his saddle and bridle, his uniform, and a wealth of other personal relics of the liberator have been assembled through the efforts of the monument commission, and are to be perpetuated. The winner's prize will be \$10,000, and the competition will not close until next April.

Havana has selected a prominent location for the Gomez memorial, in the Campo del Marte, near the Prado, which is shaded by tropical foliage and tall palms, commanding a view of the heart of the capital.

PROFESSORS SEE CAMP.  
Many Visited Camp Devens Yesterday and Inspected Quarters.

Ayer, Mass., Nov. 17.—Presidents and other representatives of 27 New England colleges inspected Camp Devens yesterday. They saw the young men from foreign lands and the hard work they were learning the art of modern warfare, ate supper with the officers at the various officers' messes, attended a reception tendered by the 2,200 New England college boys at the camp and later were guests at an entertainment arranged for their benefit at the Y. M. C. A. auditorium.

The party of visitors included the following college presidents: A. Lawrence Lowell of Harvard, E. M. Hopkins of Dartmouth, Mermon C. Bumpus of Tufts, Arthur J. Roberts of Colby, Edmund C. Sanford of Clark, Rev. F. S. Luther of Trinity, J. M. Thomas of Middlebury, William A. Shanklin of Wesleyan, Rev. Joseph N. Dinand of Holy Cross. The reception was held in the Knights of Columbus auditorium. The visitors were welcomed officially to the camp by Lieut. Col. M. B. Stewart, chief of staff. President Lowell responded briefly on behalf of the college presidents.

RECEIVER FOR NEWSPAPER.  
F. G. Bundy Named for St. Johnsbury Caledonian.

St. Johnsbury, Nov. 17.—Judge Harold B. Howe of the United States district court has appointed F. G. Bundy of St. Johnsbury receiver for The Caledonian newspaper, Inc.

The appointment of Mr. Bundy assures the continuance of the publication of the Daily and Weekly Caledonian, and the conduct of the job printing business the same as usual.

KERENSKY FLED  
WHEN DESERTED

Evaded Guards Which Had Been Sent to Take Him to Moscow

BOLSHEVIKI SHELL KREMLIN IN MOSCOW

Aristocrats Are Officers in the Ranks of the Rebels

Petrograd, Friday, Nov. 17.—Deserted by most of his officers and virtually ordered to surrender to the Bolsheviks, Premier Kerensky evaded the guards sent for him and has disappeared. General Dukhomin has resumed temporarily the post of commander-in-chief of the Kerensky forces, which were recently defeated at Tsarok Selo. General Krusnoff, former commander under Kerensky, who was arrested with others of the premier's staff, has been released on the ground that he was only obeying orders of his superior.

Premier Kerensky, when told that his officers were against him and that his men were on the point of deserting, agreed to come to Petrograd but while a bodyguard was being arranged he dropped out of sight. M. Bibanko, a member of the committee on war and marine, has reported to the workmen and soldiers' congress that Kerensky fled garbed as a sailor. He denied that Michael Domonoff, the former grand duke, was with Kerensky.

The correspondents of the Associated Press, when he visited the scene of the Tsarok Selo battle, was surprised to find aristocratic officers commanding the Bolsheviks. One colonel explained that they were disappointed with Kerensky who first destroyed discipline in the army.

The damage done to the Kremlin in Moscow is minimized in messages received here from the Maximilian delegates who say that only the Alexander palace has suffered. They confirm the reported burning of several houses in Moscow. From other sources it is reported that the Bolsheviks here planted heavy artillery on Sparrow hill and on the famous Khodyn field, from which they are shelling the Kremlin. Other reports indicate that a train has been arranged between the Bolsheviks and the government troops.

EXPECT U-BOATS OVER HERE.  
Was Idea Put Forward By Simon Lake.

New York, Nov. 17.—Predictions that enemy submarines will soon make their appearance off American ports, that the submarine will be found to be the best antidote for the submarine and the great world powers in the near future will have flotillas of "contra-submarines" especially built for operating against undersea craft, were made by speakers who addressed the annual convention of the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers here yesterday.

Simon Lake, the inventor, pointed to the fact that the last one British vessel of more than 1,000 tons was reported sunk by German submarines last week as an indication of possible danger to American shores from the submarine menace. He cited the trans-Atlantic trips of the merchant submarine, Deutschland and the activities of the U-53 off the North Atlantic seaboard as examples of what is possible with the submarine.

Commander E. S. Land of the U. S. navy took issue with Mr. Lake when the latter said he did not believe the submarine could be effectively used against the submarine.

A submarine can fight a submarine as well as a battleship can fight a battleship, said the commander. Though he said foreign tenders in submarine construction were toward displacements of 2,000, 3,000 and even 5,000 tons, Commander Land declared his belief that a craft of the 800-ton type are now being most generally built because of their adaptability for all-year use.

Marley F. Hay predicted the development of a "contra-submarine" or a submarine-fighting submarine, which would do most of its work while submerged. Revolutionary but practicable charges in battery, conning tower and motor construction will make possible the creation of such a weapon to combat the submarine menace, he said.

Estimates that Germany had in May and that she would have in service a total of 1200 undersea craft by the end of the year were discounted by Mr. Hay.

"It does not seem possible that Germany had more than 200 submarines in commission last May," he said. "Information at hand would indicate that the actual recent output has been approximately ten submarines a month."

Mr. Hay in discussing the development of the submarine, declared Germany was the last of the great world powers to admit the desirability or necessity for submarines.

MERRILL—HOWARD.  
Former Spaulding Teacher the Bride of Brattleboro Man.

Brattleboro, Nov. 17.—Miss Miriam Adella Howard, for the past three years teacher of English and history in Spaulding high school, Barre, became the wife of Clarence Edson Merrill, teacher for the Brattleboro school, at 6:30 o'clock this morning in the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Howard, on Putney road. Rev. Richard H. Clapp, pastor of the Center Congregational church, performed the ceremony, using a double ring service. Only relatives were present.

The bride, who was unattended, wore a brown broadcloth traveling suit. The house was decorated with yellow and pink chrysanthemums. After a wedding trip Mr. and Mrs. Merrill will live in a bungalow which has just been built on Putney road.

Mr. Merrill is a son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Merrill and his father is one of the selectmen of Brattleboro. He is a graduate of the high school here, and his bride is a graduate of the high school and of Smith college.

## VETERAN DIED AT MEETING.

Andrew McGaffey of Burlington Was Nearly 90 Years Old.

Burlington, Nov. 17.—When the commander of Stannard post, G. A. R., requested the quartermaster, Andrew McGaffey, to bring the meeting of the post to a close last evening it was found that Quartermaster McGaffey had died during the meeting. Comrade McGaffey, who was nearly 90 years of age, had worked at his occupation of harness maker yesterday.

Just before he dropped to the floor his comrades noticed that Mr. McGaffey threw back his head, and that his eyes seemed glazed. Two physicians, members of the post, who were present at the meeting, Dr. C. M. Ferrin and Dr. G. E. Morgan, went immediately to the stricken man's side, and in a short time pronounced him dead from the effects of a cerebral hemorrhage. The dead comrade's relatives were then notified of their affliction by friends present, and the body was covered where it lay with a large American flag, until its removal by an undertaker.

Mr. McGaffey was born in Hardwick on April 17, 1828. He is survived by a wife, who is 85 years old, and four children, Mrs. Charlotte Van Steinberg, Mrs. Ella Hodges, Charles G. McGaffey, all of this city, and E. O. McGaffey of Buffalo, Minn. Mr. and Mrs. McGaffey observed their 64th wedding anniversary July 27, last.

Comrade McGaffey, who joined the local post on March 28, 1884, first enlisted in the Army of the Union on March 1, 1865, as private in Co. I, 10th regular Illinois volunteer infantry, for a period of one year, and was discharged as corporal at Fort Leavenworth, Kans., on the 16th day of September, 1865, because of the close of the war. Next to Dr. Harmon A. Buck, who was born in 1825, he was perhaps the oldest member of the post.

He was also one of the oldest Masons in the state, being at the time of his death a member of Washington Lodge, F. & A. M.

ORANGE COUNTY MEN  
ORDERED TO REPORT

Seven Citizen Soldiers to Leave South Royalton on Nov. 21 for Camp Devens.

Chelsea, Nov. 17.—The following drafted men have been ordered to report to the Orange county board for military duty and for transportation to the mobilization camp at Ames, Mass., Nov. 21, at 3 p. m., the mobilization point being South Royalton:

Dean Elan Wiley, Randolph; Clifford Augustine Whitney, Tunbridge; Aaron Vincent Mandigo, Strafford; Julian Irwin Carpenter, East Bethel; Henry Joseph Race, Randolph Center; Fred Walter Brown, Fairlee; Harry Rodman Grand, Chelsea; Harold LeGrand Gillette, Randolph Center; Bennett Carlton Hall, Brantree; Roy McAllister Bragg, Randolph.

WORDS IN LAW TRANPOSED  
Causing Suit Now Being Brought with State as Litigant.

The arguments in the three Maryland insurance company cases which were heard in court of chancery Friday afternoon by Chancellor L. P. Slack brought out a very interesting situation as a result of changes which must have been made by revisers of bills or statutes at some time, for the law as it appears on the statutes now does not harmonize with the one engrossed from the acts of 1888 when the reciprocal section was added to the Vermont law governing insurance companies.

It appears from the arguments of H. G. Barber, representing J. G. Brown, insurance commissioner, that the word "mutually" was transposed in the statutes from the position it held in the acts of 1888 and has materially affected the reading and meaning of the law. He quoted decisions from the Vermont digest in which it has been held that the revision cannot change the intent of the law as enacted; therefore, the chancellor has given a copy of the original act to use in the forming of his opinion. The state contends, and the original act so reads, that any insurance company comes under the provisions of the law, while G. L. Hunt, representing the insurance companies, contends that the law as it stands on the statutes is that the reciprocal clause means insurance companies of like kind or class.

The whole case seems to grow out of the fact that the National Life Insurance Co. of this state is taxed \$300 in Maryland, whereas Mr. Brown contends that the casualty companies of Maryland come under the same rate of taxation and has threatened to revoke their licenses unless they pay \$300, as does the National Life in Maryland, which has no life insurance company.

Mr. Brown wanted a decision upon section 4324 of the statutes because he wants to know how to govern himself in carrying out the provisions of the laws in his department. In case of a decision either way, probably the case will go to supreme court. That seemed to be the indication from the statements made in county court Friday afternoon.

PECULIAR ALIMONY DECISION.  
Joseph Sassi Gets \$10 a Week Deduction the Sooner He Pays \$1,800.

So much business has developed in Washington county court during the last few days that the court will be in session next week, adjournment having been taken yesterday afternoon to next Wednesday. Tuesday will be occupied with a hearing relative to traction company matter, it is expected, unless there are other developments in the case.

Before the judges left for their homes Friday evening they filed their decision in the case of Marie vs. Joseph Sassi for a divorce. That the divorce was to be granted was recognized by the attorneys, and most of the time the last three days the assistant judges have been hearing testimony and arguments relative to alimony. Judge Slack being occupied in chancery hearings, but Friday afternoon they reached a conclusion and the divorce was granted for intolerable severity.

The alimony is peculiar. Mrs. Sassi is given \$1,800 to be paid by Jan. 1, and each week in advance of that time that the money is paid brings a deduction of \$18 a week. If the money is not paid by the date set in the order, then Mr. Sassi is to leave the farm. If he does pay he is to have the farm and Mrs. Sassi the household goods. It appears that Mrs. Sassi used her money to help in buying the farm after they were married.

This Barre couple came from New York where she received at the death of her first husband. The case is a very interesting one.

BRITISH CHASE  
CRUISER FLEET

Engagement Took Place off Helgoland To-day

BRITISH LIGHT FORCES ENGAGED

British Admiralty Does Not Announce Any Decisive Result

London, Nov. 17.—British light forces to-day engaged German light cruisers off Helgoland, the British admiralty announced. The German warships retired and the British forces chased them.

JUMPED IN TIME  
TO SAVE HIS LIFE

Roy Scott Saw Train Bearing Down on His Automobile—The Vehicle Was Smashed.

A covered car, driven by Roy Scott, youngest son of Charles Scott of Graniteville, and owned by Roy's brother, Elmer Scott, was completed demolished about 11 o'clock this morning when it was run into by a train at the Pittsley crossing between Westville and Graniteville. The driver was uninjured.

The boy was driving the car toward Graniteville and when he reached the crossing, which is rather a blind one, a train backing up to the Wetmore and Morse quarries was upon him before he knew it. He had time, however, to make a hasty exit from the automobile and then had to stand by and see the train make it into kindling wood, for it was a very badly smashed auto that was left upon the track after the rear-end collision.

"MIGHT FALL THROUGH."  
Petition for the Appointment of Receiver for Traction Company.

The statement was made in county court Friday afternoon that possibly the hearing which was to take place Tuesday afternoon on a petition for receivership of the traction company will not take place, for it was stated that the matter "might fall through." This morning E. H. Deavitt, attorney for Henry Deavitt on the matter, stated there was nothing new to announce in the case. H. T. Sands of Boston, manager of the Traction company, which handles the Tenner company's business affairs, was in the city Friday and was in conference with F. E. Gleason, the local attorney for the company.

A doubt exists as to the number of holders of bonds that must act in order to secure the appointment of a receiver. The mortgage, as filed in the county clerk's office, shows that in case of a default of the payment of the principal or interest at the time due and 90 days thereafter one-quarter of the holders of bonds may petition the trustee for the appointment of a receiver. In view of the fact that two weeks ago the management of the company reported it had over 85 per cent of the holders of bonds signed for the extension of the bonds for the new franchise, it would look as though it would be impossible for 25 per cent of the holders to petition for receivership. There is also a provision in the mortgage providing that the trustee may be asked that it be appointed the receiver.

SMALL FIRE ON ROOF.  
Called Department to Mrs. C. E. Bolster's Property.

Two calls for assistance came in almost at the same moment at the fire station this afternoon, and the regulars, choosing the more promising of the two, headed the auto truck down North Main street, where a roof had been discovered on a barn owned by Mrs. C. E. Bolster. The firemen responded near 2 o'clock and extinguished the blaze before it had done much damage. It was stated that the fire was set by a boy who threw a ball of blazing rags on the shingled roof of the structure.

Upon returning to their quarters, the firemen skirted Burnham's meadow, but no trace of the grass fire reported by a Hooker hill resident was discovered. In the noon hour the firemen extinguished a bad grass fire on land owned by F. K. Bailey on Maple avenue.

COST \$112.85 FOR DOE.  
William Haskins, Pawlet Man, Fined for Killing Animal.

Rutland, Nov. 17.—William Haskins, who lives on a farm in the town of Pawlet, near the Wells line, was before Judge Lee E. Pratt of Fair Haven yesterday on a charge of killing a doe. He pleaded guilty and paid a fine of \$100 and costs of \$12.85. County Fish and Game Warden Fred W. Hayward of this city conducted the investigation and the arrest was made following a search of the Haskins home made by the county officer on a warrant issued by State's Attorney C. V. Ponin.

SMALL TEUTON ADVANCE.  
Stormed Monte Prassolan and Captured 800 Prisoners.

Berlin, Nov. 17.—Austro-German forces invading the northern province of Italy yesterday stormed Monte Prassolan, between the Brenta and Piave rivers, says the German official statement. Eight hundred Italians were taken prisoners.

Montpelier Figures Over \$3,000.  
Up to this noon a little more than \$3,000 had been reported in the Y. M. C. A. war work fund in Montpelier. L. B. Brooke, chairman of the special soliciting committee, turned in money and pledges to the amount of \$2,100 last night.

WEBSTERVILLE.  
Westerville Baptist Church—Service in the morning at 10:30. Dr. J. F. Plain, pastor.

This Barre couple came from New York where she received at the death of her first husband. The case is a very interesting one.

## BIG RED CROSS DRIVE.

Concert and Dance Wednesday Night and Campaign for Members.

An eager, enthusiastic audience of Red Cross workers crowded manufacturers' hall last evening to learn the details of the Red Cross benefit concert and dance to be held in Howland hall Wednesday evening and of the preliminary canvass that is to determine just how many folks in Barre are standing squarely back of the workers. Members of the committee which has arranged plans for the big benefit were present to address the captains and members of the teams which began their ticket canvass to-day. It is the plan of the workers to cover Barre thoroughly in the next few days and then on Wednesday evening, it will not be the fault of the canvassers if someone is without a ticket.

As has been announced before, the entertainers are Mr. and Mrs. Hill of London, England, and Mr. and Mrs. George H. Wilder, the four musicians having patriotically offered to assist in the entertainment, will figure conspicuously in the concert. Carroll's singing orchestra will do its turn in the afternoon when the floor is cleared for dancing. The proceeds, as everyone knows or will know when the canvassers have done their work, will further the endeavors of the Red Cross branch in Barre. To continue the work so well begun by Red Cross workers, more funds are necessary and in the present drive the local branch believes the community will do its part.

Every bit of territory in the city has been assigned and there are 21 teams to push the advance sale of tickets. The personnel of the teams is as follows: No. 1, Miss Katherine Phelps, captain, Miss Evelyn Phelps, Miss Eula Averill; No. 2, Mrs. W. A. Drew, captain, Mrs. C. M. Wiley, Mrs. H. G. Woodruff; No. 3, Mrs. G. N. Tilden, captain, Mrs. F. M. Gorman, Mrs. E. J. Owens; No. 4, Mrs. Mattie Wilson, captain, Miss Elizabeth Gorman, Mrs. E. J. Owens; No. 5, Mrs. W. N. Holden, captain, Mrs. N. S. Love, Mrs. N. B. Ballard; No. 6, Mrs. C. W. Steele, captain, Mrs. John V. Rowen, Mrs. Frank A. Skillings; No. 7, Mrs. N. E. Lewis, captain, Mrs. P. M. Carr, Mrs. C. F. Miller; No. 8, Mrs. E. M. Toombs, captain, Mrs. B. W. Goodfellow, Mrs. W. D. Mowbray; No. 9, Mrs. A. C. Tilden, captain, Mrs. H. W. Richardson; No. 10, Mrs. Frank Sartell; No. 11, Mrs. A. E. Campbell, captain, Mrs. F. C. Wetmore, Mrs. William G. Inglis; No. 12, Mrs. Charles G. Scott, captain, Mrs. H. A. McNeil, Miss Mary M. Donnetti; No. 13, Mrs. C. A. Brown, captain, Mrs. William Cole, Mrs. Geoffrey Rolleston; No. 14, W. H. Ward, captain, Alexander Hamilton; No. 15, Mrs. D. M. Barclay, captain, Mrs. J. H. Woodruff, Miss Robbins; No. 16, Mrs. H. G. Bennett, captain, Mrs. G. E. Bond, Mrs. J. Ward Carver; No. 17, Mrs. F. D. Ladd, captain, Mrs. B. W. Hooker, Mrs. F. H. Rogers; No. 18, Mrs. Alex. Duncan, captain, Mrs. E. A. Brown, Mrs. James F. Smith; No. 19, H. A. Phelps, captain, Mrs. B. Ballard; No. 20, Mrs. R. Q. McDonnell, captain, Mrs. Arthur Gordon, Mrs. John H. Johnson; No. 21, Mrs. W. B. Mackenzie, captain, Miss Annie Barclay, Miss Ena Adie.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Hill are Americans, although they have traveled extensively, and the reputation of Mr. and Mrs. Wilder as melodists is well known in Vermont. Their voyage to America was short, and through their London memories. They were in their hotel when they heard the warning whistle and everybody hurried to the basement.

Their last year in London ended in September and it was the chiming of cathedral bells in an old English town that caused them to decide upon the return trip at once. The chimes played "Home, Sweet Home." Their voyage to America was short, and through their London memories. They were in their hotel when they heard the warning whistle and everybody hurried to the basement.

The following committees have been named for the benefit: Administrative, W. G. Reynolds, H. P. Hinman, E. M. Tobin, W. C. Johnson; treasurer, W. C. Johnson; decorating committee, Mrs. N. S. Love, Mrs. Geoffrey Rolleston, Miss Eula Averill, Alex. Stratton, H. P. Hinman; flower committee, Mrs. C. A. Brown, Mrs. William Cole; introduction, Mrs. W. M. Holden, Mrs. W. G. Reynolds, Mrs. W. A. Drew, Mrs. G. N. Tilden, Miss Mary M. Donnetti, Mrs. M. F. Cutler, Mrs. H. G. Bennett, Miss Annie Barclay; music and punch, E. M. Tobin and Alex. Stratton.

BURIAL AT WILSON CEMETERY  
And Funeral of Mrs. Christina Smith Was Held To-day.

The funeral of Mrs. Christina Smith, a long-time resident of Barre and Barre town, whose death occurred at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John B. Maiden of Church street, Thursday afternoon, was held at the house this afternoon at 2 o'clock. The officiating clergyman was Rev. W. J. M. Beattie, rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd. Those who acted as bearers are: Donald Smith of Barre, Angus Smith of Graniteville, D. W. Leach of Westville, and Mrs. E. Ellis of Old Orchard, Me., the latter two being sons-in-law of Mrs. Smith. Interment was made in Wilson cemetery.

FUNERAL OF L. CASLANI  
Was Held To-day and Burial Was in Hope Cemetery.

The funeral of Luigi Caslani, for many years a resident of Barre, whose demise at the Fanny Allen hospital in Winoski Thursday morning followed an operation submitted a week ago to-day, was held at 2 o'clock this afternoon at 2 o'clock. The obsequies brought together a large number of the deceased's friends, many of them being acquaintances of the older generation in Barre's Italian colony. The bearers were: Vittorio Ceppi, Eugenio Caslani, Stefano Comita, Antonio Ceppi, and Guido Ceppi, and Marco Bernasconi. There were many floral tributes. Interment was made in Hope cemetery.

MONTPELIER REJECTS.  
Granite Cutters Voted 51 to 50 on Barre Agreement.

Officials of Barre branch, G. C. I. A., and of the Granite Manufacturers' association, in commenting on the successful issue of negotiations in behalf of increased wages for granitecutters, stated to-day that the supplementary agreement applies to all branches in the Barre district. In other words the manufacturers grant the voluntary increase of 20 per cent to the branches in Barre, East Barre, Williamstown, Montpelier, Waterbury, West Berlin and Northfield. Likewise, the over time concession made by the union is to apply elsewhere in the district.

Montpelier branch held a largely attended meeting last night and by a vote of 61 to 50 rejected the agreement. Another meeting will be held the first of next week, it is said.

DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE.  
Prof. H. H. Gibson of Iowa Comes to Vermont for Work.

Prof. H. H. Gibson, who has been assistant professor of agriculture in the Iowa State Agricultural college, has been appointed director of agriculture in Vermont and will begin his duties in that capacity in about 10 days. He will move here. The work he has done under the federal appropriation in which the government and the state pay equal proportions.

EXEMPTIONS  
ARE WIPED OUT

All the Men of Military Age Must Be Examined Once More

FORMER CHARGES ARE NOW REVOKED

New Regulations Restore All Registrants to the Former Status

Washington, D. C., Nov. 17.—The new regulations under which the remaining available of the 9,000,000 men registered for military duty will be drafted for service with the colors were announced to-day by Provost Marshal General Crowder. The new regulations, as has been announced before, repeat all the preceding regulations, cancel all exemptions and discharges granted under the old system and restore every registered man to his original status. He will hereafter be required to undergo all examinations anew and present his claims for exemption again.

The men of draft age with dependent relatives are placed in a more secure position under the new regulations, while the deferred classifications may be revoked when granted for any other cause. There is no way in which men with dependents can be called out of their turn. When the registrant seeks to waive his deferred classification status waivers must be obtained also from those dependent on him. Where registrants are away from their home districts an application to the local board for questionnaire is all that is required.

IS NOW IN ENGLAND.  
Justin Barber of Barre with the Hospital Corps.

From her son, Justin Barber of the hospital corps, Mrs. C. N. Barber of the East Montpelier road has received the following letter from the young man. Private Barber enlisted from Barre last spring and, as the letter indicates, arrived recently in England.

Dear Mother:  
We are here in England, feeling fine. We had a great voyage, leaving here Thursday, Sept. 27, and arriving here yesterday. Some of the boys were seasick, but not very many. I didn't even notice it. A few were homesick, but the excitement carried most of them through in great shape. The sea was great. It wasn't very rough, only one day, and in stormy weather, where we were landed, it rolled pretty heavy. One fellow was rolled out of his bunk. The next morning when we were eating breakfast, the ship gave a sudden roll and all the dishes landed on the floor. During the first three days we were in bunks built in rows, with the infantry, but then we got three cases of measles so we were put in staterooms, where we could look after them. The Sunday before we landed we had chicken for dinner.

The country around here is fine, all the land being divided into squares and fenced with hedges. The girls do all kinds of work here, work on the land, in feed mills and in shops. The trains are altogether different. One enters from the side and there is room for eight persons in each compartment. The freight cars are little, four-wheeled affairs and make you think of a hand cart. The engines make one think of those old wooden engines that originated sometime B. C. The